

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

October 26, 2009
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Law called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; GREG TAYLOR; RICH ZWICKER; TERRI BRIERE; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON; MARCIE PALMER.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; IWEN WANG, Finance and Information Services Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Community and Economic Development Administrator; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Planning & Natural Resources Director; KELLY BEYMER, Parks & Golf Course Director; JERRY RERECICH, Recreation Director; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR I. DAVID DANIELS, Fire & Emergency Services Department; DEPUTY CHIEF TIM TROXELL and COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Community Services: Cascade
Canoe & Kayak Paddling Team

Recreation Director Jerry Rerecich stated that there are a variety of activities citizens interested in non-motorized small water craft can enjoy in the Renton area, including the Renton Sailing Club, the Renton Rowing Club, and the Cascade Canoe and Kayak shop. Mr. Rerecich introduced Dan Henderson, owner and operator of the Cascade Canoe and Kayak shop. He stated that Mr. Henderson, Olympic hopeful and winner of countless national and international medals, provides a variety of services including canoe and kayak sales and rentals, lessons, and day trips.

Mr. Henderson stated that in August, 2009 the Cascade Racing Team traveled to Gainesville, Georgia, the site of the 1996 Olympics. He remarked that the team competed in canoe and kayak racing and announced that Carlin Chuck and Matthew Lam, two competitors in the 13 and under age group, are the new national champions. Mayor Law presented Certificates of Appreciation to the two young athletes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Budget: 2010 Revenue
Sources & Preliminary Budget

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Law opened the public hearing to consider the 2010 revenue sources and preliminary budget.

Finance and Information Services Administrator Iwen Wang reported that tonight's hearing is one of two concerning the 2010 budget and the City is required by law to present revenue projections and resources to the public. She stated that the budget process started in April and the 2010 budget should be adopted by the end of November. Ms. Wang reported that City departments were required to build their budgets from a zero base, and explained that every resource for every program had to be justified. She noted that each department also had to provide two additional funding options.

Ms. Wang reported that the City's overall proposed budget for 2010 is \$212 million, almost half of which is for general governmental operations. She explained that police services, fire and emergency services, parks and

recreation programs, and street maintenance services are examples of general governmental operations. Ms. Wang stated that these services are provided primarily from tax sources. She noted that the City's utility services, golf course, and airport services are enterprise operations that are funded by the users of those services. She also noted that approximately nine percent of the budget is proposed for capital projects in 2010.

Ms. Wang reported that the budget is balanced, and the City is projected to have \$211.7 million in revenues. She stated that the largest portion of the revenue is coming from charges for services, but when the separate taxing sources are combined, they generate the most revenue. She stated that the largest taxing source is property tax and the projected revenue from this source is approximately \$31.3 million. She noted that the City will not be taking the one percent increase as allowed by law and will keep the base property tax at the same rate as 2009. Ms. Wang noted that this equates to approximately \$850 per average home per year for residents to receive City services. She pointed out that the City only receives 24 cents per property tax dollar. Ms. Wang reported the City's assessed valuation for 2010 will be decreased by approximately ten percent resulting in an increase in tax rates. She noted that the City's portion of the approximately \$11.80 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation will be approximately \$2.60 compared to last year's \$2.40.

Continuing, Ms. Wang reported that the second largest portion of revenue the City receives is sales tax. She explained that in addition to the sales tax the City receives for purchases made at local retail stores, criminal justice sales tax is collected county-wide and distributed to local municipalities by population. She noted that in addition to the regular sales tax and the criminal justice sales tax, the City will receive an annexation tax credit of approximately \$2.2 million in 2010. Ms. Wang reported that the City generates over \$209 million in sales tax every year, but only receives approximately \$19 million, or nine percent. She stated that the majority of the money, approximately \$140 million, is sent to the state and the rest is divided among King County, Metro Transit, the Stadium, and the Regional Transit Authority.

Concluding, Ms. Wang reported that the third largest taxing source is utility taxes. She stated that the majority of the tax is from electrical rates, followed by natural gas rates, and then the City-operated utility rates. She noted that development fees are also an important source of City revenue and pointed out that there was a 38% decline in this revenue source in 2008 and an additional 39% percent decline in 2009. She commented that a 20% recovery of the revenue is expected in 2010.

Public comment was invited. There being none, it was MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Hardy - City
Veteran's Memorial
Dedication

Dave Hardy (Renton) shared memories of his late father, Lloyd Carter Hardy, and described the efforts he has gone through to get his father's name inducted into the City's veteran's memorial. He thanked City officials and staff for helping him accomplish this goal.

Council President Corman remarked that Mr. Hardy should be very proud of his father's accomplishments. Councilmember Taylor commented that Mr. Hardy's father was obviously an important role model for him and complimented his efforts in making sure his father is honored and remembered.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Meeting Minutes of 10/19/2009

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 10/19/2009. Council concur.

City Clerk: Quarterly Contract List, 7/1/2009 - 9/30/2009

City Clerk submitted quarterly contract list for period of 7/1/2009 through 9/30/2009 and expiration report for agreements expiring 10/1/2009 to 3/31/2010. Information.

Annexation: Maplewood Heights Elementary School, Jericho Ave NE & SE 2nd Pl

Community and Economic Development Department submitted a 60% Petition to Annex for the proposed Maplewood Heights Elementary School Annexation and recommended a public hearing be set on 11/9/2009 to consider the petition; 8.67 acres located in the vicinity of Jericho Ave. NE and SE 2nd Pl. Council concur.

Annexation: Sierra Heights Elementary School, Union Ave NE & NE 25th Pl

Community and Economic Development Department submitted a 60% Petition to Annex for the proposed Sierra Heights Elementary School Annexation and recommended a public hearing be set on 11/9/2009 to consider the petition; 15.4 acres located in the vicinity of Union Ave. NE and NE 25th Pl. Council concur.

CED: Renton Small Business Development Center, WA Commerce Grant

Community and Economic Development Department recommended approval of a grant agreement in the amount of \$44,541 with the Washington State Department of Commerce to support the Renton Small Business Development Center. City's share: \$25,000. Council concur.

Community Services: Soos Creek Trail Permitting, King County

Community Services Department recommended approval of an interlocal agreement with King County regarding permit processing for the Soos Creek Trail extension project. Council concur. (See page 317 for resolution.)

CAG: 08-205, Local Hazardous Waste Management Program, Seattle/King County Public Health

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of Amendment #1 to CAG-08-205, with Seattle/King County Department of Public Health, accepting \$33,583.67 for Renton's 2009 Local Hazardous Waste Management Program. Council concur. (See page 317 for resolution.)

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**Utilities Committee**

SAD: 126th Ave SE Sanitary Sewer Extension

Utilities Committee Chair Zwicker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the preliminary 126th Ave. SE Sanitary Sewer Extension Special Assessment District.

The Committee further recommended staff to proceed with the establishment of the final Special Assessment District upon completion of the construction of the 126th Ave. SE utility project.

MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Community Services

CED: Arts & Culture Master Plan, Lund Consulting

Majority Report: Community Services Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the agreement with Lund Consulting, Inc. for \$25,000 to provide consulting services for the development of an Arts and Culture Development Master Plan. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract.

Minority Report: Community Services Committee Vice-Chair Palmer presented a report recommending not approving the agreement with Lund Consulting Inc. in the amount of \$5,000 to provide consulting services for the development of an Arts and Culture Master Plan. It is believed that this is not the right economic time to move forward with this project.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE MAJORITY COMMITTEE REPORT.*

Councilmember Briere remarked that the Arts and Culture Master Plan will combine the efforts of the City's various arts groups to eliminate duplication and develop a comprehensive plan based on the current and future wants and needs of the community.

Councilmember Palmer remarked that she supports the concept of an Arts and Culture Master Plan, but pointed out that the idea was presented on the same day as lay-off notices were delivered to 35 employees. She stated that she believes hiring consultants at this time sends the wrong message to employees.

*MOTION TO CONCUR IN THE MAJORITY REPORT CARRIED.

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 287675 - 288009 totaling \$3,422,052.23; and approval of 105 Payroll Vouchers, one wire transfer, and 813 direct deposits totaling \$2,585,456.30.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Human Resources:
Pharmaceutical Coverage,
EnvisionRX

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve an agreement with EnvisionRX in the amount of \$30,240 per year beginning October 1, 2009, for an initial term of three years, for administration of the healthcare pharmacy benefit for City employees and LEOFF I retirees.

The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION #4020

Community Services: Soos
Creek Trail Permitting, King
County

A resolution of the City of Renton was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement with King County relating to permit processing for clearing, grading, and associated building permits associated with the Soos Creek Trail. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #4021

CAG: 08-205, Local Hazardous
Waste Management Program,
Seattle/King County Public
Health

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract amendment to the interlocal cooperative agreement with Seattle/King County Department of Public Health regarding the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program for 2009 activities. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Development Services: Sewer
Backflow Prevention Permits

Responding to an inquiry from Council President Corman, Community and Economic Development Administrator Alex Pietsch acknowledged that the cities of Kent and Auburn are waiving the fee associated with a sewer backflow prevention permit, but noted that in most cases Renton does not require a permit for this type of work.

Public Safety: Electronic Home
Detention, False Alarm
Response & Police Training
Officers

MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THE TOPICS OF ELECTRONIC HOME DETENTION, FALSE ALARM RESPONSE, AND POLICE TRAINING OFFICERS TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Public Safety: Probation
Services

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL REFER THE TOPIC OF PROBATION SERVICES TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. CARRIED.

Community Event: Curvee
Awards & Citizen of the Year
Dinner

Councilmember Palmer encouraged everyone to attend the Curvee Awards October 27 at 7 p.m. at the Renton Ikea Performing Arts Center. She explained the event is free, the winning and runner-up films from the FilmFrenzy event will be unveiled, and the EriAm Sisters will be performing. Ms. Palmer also announced that tickets are still available for the Citizen of the Year Dinner which will occur on October 29 at 5 p.m. at the Renton Senior Center.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Martinez -
Cub Scouts Packs 637 & 492
Meeting Attendance

Mark Martinez (Renton) explained that Cub Scout Packs 637 and 492 are working on their citizen achievement and are required to attend a local government meeting and speak to local officials. He thanked City Officials and staff for the opportunity to attend the meeting and remarked that Councilmember Persson agreed to take the scouts on a tour of Council offices.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED.
Time: 7:43 p.m.



Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Jason Seth, Recorder
October 26, 2009

RENTON CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR
Office of the City Clerk
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 26, 2009

COMMITTEE/CHAIRMAN	DATE/TIME	AGENDA
COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP	FRI., 10/30 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	2010 Budget (City Service Areas & Department Presentations) *7th Floor Conferencing Center*
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (Corman)	MON., 11/2 5 p.m.	2010 Budget Presentations & Deliberations
COMMUNITY SERVICES (Briere)	MON., 11/2	CANCELED
FINANCE (Persson)	MON., 11/2 4 p.m.	School District Impact Fees; Emerging Issues in Revenue Streams
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (Parker)		
PUBLIC SAFETY (Taylor)	MON., 11/2	CANCELED
TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) (Palmer)		
UTILITIES (Zwicker)		

NOTE: Committee of the Whole meetings are held in the Council Chambers unless otherwise noted. All other committee meetings are held in the Council Conference Room unless otherwise noted.